

Klondyke Tailings Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site

Community Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, June 26, 2003

3:00 to 5:00 pm

Graham County General Services Building Assembly Room
921 W. Thatcher, Safford, Arizona

Ref: PIOU 04-116

CAB members present: Michael Bryce, Mark Herrington, Lynn Skinner

Members absent: Noralea Gale, Bill Griffin, Mark Habersitich, John Luepke, Anne Zapf

ADEQ Staff in attendance: Ed Pond, Project Manager; Monica Mascareno, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the public present: Mr. & Mrs. Milton T. Rhea

The meeting began at 3:10 pm. A quorum was not present.

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided upon at the meeting:

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
Lynn Skinner welcomed CAB members and guests
2. **Acceptance or changes to the February 27, 2003 Draft Minutes**
Not done, no quorum was reached.
3. **Discussion and Voting on New CAB member: Bill Griffin**
Not done, no quorum reached.
4. **Brief review of current status and activities.**
Ed Pond, Project Manager, stated that contractor neglected to do a black and white photo of the property but will go back and redo. Early Response Evaluations were not completed. Areas of concern for runoff control were addressed and discussed.

Mr. Pond discussed the budget for the site. It is not clear what amount the project will receive. A quarter of million was requested for finalizing surveys, performing more samples and completion of the Early Response Analysis if possible. All work started will get completed.

Revegetation - U of A was able to get grant funding and will do the study. Currently they are in process of finding plants that will grow in the tailings area. A question was raised why plants used at other areas could not be used here. Mr. Pond responded that it was due to the high acidic nature of the tailings. Mr. Pond stated that planting is proposed to start in September. The project will take about 2 years; erosion analysis will be completed as part of the project. The U of A team will provide follow up landscaping and maintenance. Attendees offered other residents in the area that might be able to help with site up keep. Information packets titled "Revegetation of the Klondyke Mill Tailings Site in Southern Arizona" were given out to attendees that included this and other information.

Lead Isotope Study – The purpose of the study was to find out if Lead found in stream sediments are from water or wind blown transport of tailings. Mr. Pond stated that the results showed most appear to be windblown.

A question was raised about historical reports. There was a Bureau of Land Management Study done. Mr. Pond offered copies to attendees. Discussion was held on other possible agencies that have done reports on historical findings.

5. Call to public:

Milton Rhea, property owner near site, stated that too much fuss is going on concerning this site. He has been around a long time with exposure and has not had any issues with the site. Discussion about other owners and operators of the mill with responsibility ensued. Mr. Pond stated that research has been done on previous owners and not much information has been found.

6. Future meeting plans:

Monica Mascerano, Community Involvement Coordinator, suggested the meeting be held in Klondyke so that more people could attend. It was requested that there be a meeting only if there are results. The schoolhouse was offered as a meeting site as long as there was air conditioning available perhaps either September 4 or 25th.

Meeting was adjourned, no time specified.

